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Groups recite a vehicle doorbeam or a method of making a vehicle doorbeam. The Examiner's assertion that a vehicle doorbeam has utility in other combinations such as a leaf spring, wiper motor attachment, or a glove compartment edge has no basis in the record or in the art. In fact, Applicant cannot conceive of how a vehicle doorbeam could be used in any of the suggested "other combinations." It therefore is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper and must be withdrawn.

The Examiner further requests restriction among the following allegedly distinct species:

Species A: Fig. 1-3

Species B: Fig. 4

Species C: Fig. 5-6

Species D: Fig. 7-9

Subject to the allowance of a generic claim (e.g. claim 17), Applicant provisionally elects Species A. From the elected Group IV, Applicant identifies claims 17-21 as reading on Species A. From the nonelected Group I-III, Applicant identifies claims 1-8, 14-16 as reading on Species A. Accordingly, all of claims 1-8 and 14-21 read on Species A.

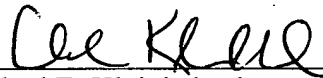
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In view of these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests an action on the merits
of all of claims 1-8 and 14-21.

Respectfully submitted,

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